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ASHBY'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION.

Item 1

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

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16 February 1946

To EPIM.

In telegram no. 1[i] of 8th January 1946 you reported that according to "CLAUDE's" [KLOD] information ASHBY [ESHBI][ii] [B% sent] a report to the Australian Ministry of External Affairs [MID] about his journey to VLADIVOSTOK. According to the information available ASHBY was not in VLADIVOSTOK during his stay in the U.S.S.R.

Check the accuracy [B% of this fact] and report.

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Comments: [i] Not available.

- [ii] Professor Eric ASHBY, who was Scientific Attaché at the Australian Legation in MOSCOW from November 1944 to December 1945. His terms of reference were to "make contact with scientific leaders in the U.S.S.R. and to further the interests of Australian science and technology generally".

Item 2

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA

No.: 44

17 Feb 1946

Your No. 1[i]. According to our information ASHBY [ESHBI] did not go to VLADIVOSTOK. If possible, ascertain through "CLAUDE [KLOD]" the essentials of ASHBY's report in greater detail, or [B% get his] copy. Try to collect information, in general, about ASHBY's statements in connection with his stay in our country. Telegraph results.

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Comment: [i] See also Item 1 of this report. Not available.

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